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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: **EGF RECEPTOR TRANSACTIVATION BY G-PROTEIN COUPLED  
RECEPTORS REQUIRES METALLOPROTEINASE CLEAVAGE OF pro-HB-  
EGF**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Director of the United States Patent  
and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 16, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.